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1. ACCREDITATION OF US AMBASSADOR TO BARBADOS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATED STATES STEMS FROM LATTERS' STATUS AS SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES ASSOCIATED WITH HMG. TURKS AND CAICOS (T&C) HAVE NO SUCH RELATIONSHIP WITH LONDON. AS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES THEY FALL INTO CATEGORY WITH BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS (A PART OF BARBADOS CONSULAR DISTRICT) AND CAYMAN ISLANDS (JAMAICA CONSULAR DISTRICT).

2. BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES IN INDIAN OCEAN, WHERE USG MAINTAINS DEFENSE AND SPACE FACILITIES, OFFER PARALLEL EVEN MORE AKIN TO T&C. THE SEYCHELLES COME WITHIN AMEMBASSY NAIROBI CONSULAR DISTRICT. AMBASSADOR HAS NO SPECIAL DESIGNATION. AN EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER WITH BRITISH
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EXEQUATUR VISITS SEYCHELLES AND REPORTS ON POLITICAL

DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING MATTERS RELATED TO TRACKING FACILITY. VISITS ALSO MADE BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL ACCREDITATION ON BASIS THAT ISLANDS FALL WITHIN CONSULAR DISTRICT. CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEW ARE HELD BY THESE EMBASSY NAIROBI OFFICERS WITH APPROPRIATE BRITISH AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, WITH EMBASSY LONDON AND DEPT. KEPT INFORMED. BASIC POINT OF CONTACT WITH HMG ON

THESE ISLANDS IS WITH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE IN LONDON.

3. ON BASIS OF FIRMLY ESTABLISHED DEPT PRACTICE, WE ARE UNABLE TO DESIGNATE AMBASSADOR AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO T&C. HOWEVER, HAVING IN MIND THE POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION RAISED IN NASSAU 1299, WE ARE WILLING TO ADDITIONALLY ASSIGN DCM OR POLITICAL OFFICER IN A CONSULAR CAPACITY TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR AMEMBASSY LONDON APPROACH TO HMG SEEKING EXEQUATUR FOR THAT OFFICER FOR T&C. PLEASE ADVISE. RUSH

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